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Dear Dr. Mampell,

Thank you for your letter of August 4th and the suggestion about supporting research on microbial strains to eliminate toxic dyes. I do not think this is an area that we can get into but I may make some inquiries among some of my colleagues and if they are interested they will contact you directly.

I think you might also find it worthwhile to contact Dr. Joseph Lein at the Bristol Laboratories, Syracuse, New York since they have established excellent contractual relationships with a number of Japanese microbiological laboratories who may be very well equipped to this kind of work.

May I also make a brief technical suggestion namely that the search for tolerant organisms concentrate on the enrichment of naturally occurring forms, for example in dye-contaminated ponds rather than start ab initio with the prospects of selecting degraded mutants.

Sincerely yours,

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